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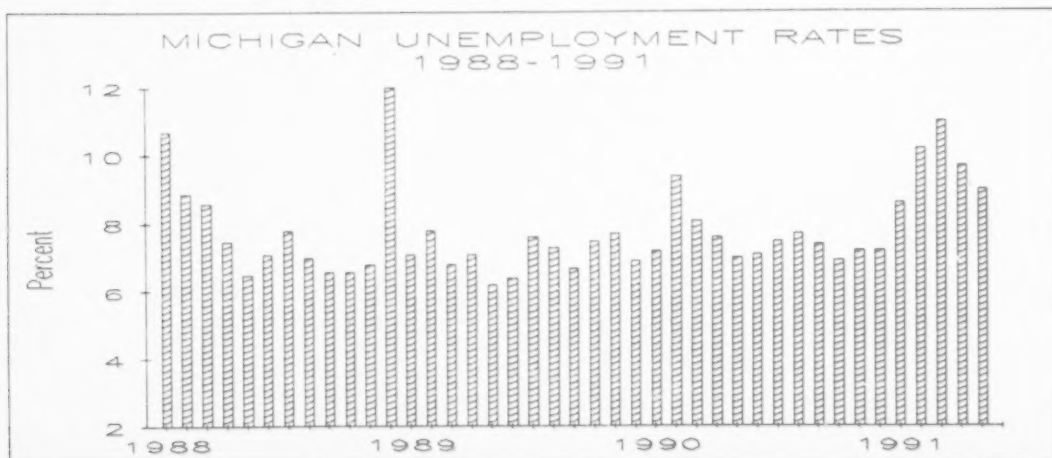
Michigan Employment
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UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES AGAIN IN MAY

Michigan's unemployment rate fell by seven-tenths of a percentage point as the jobless rate declined from 9.7 percent in April to 9.0 percent in May. The rate drop represents 29,000 fewer individuals out of work, as total residents seeking employment decreased to 405,000. The fall in joblessness was primarily a result of scattered recalls in the manufacturing industries. Total employment in May registered an increase as the number of employed area residents advanced by 25,000 to reach 4,090,000. Additionally, the civilian labor force diminished to 4,494,000, a drop of 5,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has receded by 138,000, while the size of the labor force has sagged by 56,000. In May 1990, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 322,000, representing an unemployment rate of 7.1 percent.

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT REBOUNDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Michigan increased as industry jobs advanced to 3,903,000 in May. Employment opportunities jumped by approximately 57,000 as gains were centered in both the goods producing and service producing sectors of the economy. Total employment in the goods producing industries climbed by 30,000 primarily as a result of strong seasonal advances in construction and transportation equipment industries. Service producing employment advanced by 27,000 to 2,869,000 in May, as a result of seasonal increases in retail trade and services industries. Public sector positions declined by 3,000 as many universities and other higher educational institutions began reducing their staff for the summer vacation. Since May 1990, industry employment in Michigan has decreased by 89,000 positions or 2.2 percent. Approximately 72,000 goods producing jobs have been lost throughout the year, while service producing employment contracted by 18,000.



Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	MAY 1991	APR 1991	MAR 1991	MAY 1990
PLACE OF RESIDENCE *				
Civilian Labor Force	4494	4499	4621	4550
Employment	4090	4065	4113	4228
Unemployment	405	434	508	322
Rate	9.0	9.7	11.0	7.0
PLACE OF WORK *				
Wage and Salary Employment	3903	3846	3822	3992
Goods Producing Industries	1034	1004	986	1106
Construction	130	120	111	144
Manufacturing	895	875	866	952
Durable Goods	669	652	645	720
Lumber and Wood Products	14	14	14	15
Furniture and Fixtures	35	35	35	36
Stone, Clay and Glass	16	16	16	17
Primary Metals	39	38	39	43
Fabricated Metals	110	107	105	122
Industrial Machinery	119	120	121	127
Electrical Machinery	31	30	29	32
Transportation Equipment	281	269	262	303
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	265	253	246	286
Nondurable Goods	226	223	221	233
Food and Kindred Products	44	41	41	43
Textiles and Apparel	19	19	18	21
Paper and Allied Products	21	21	21	21
Printing and Publishing	44	44	44	44
Chemicals and Allied Products	45	45	45	44
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	48	47	47	53
Service Producing Industries	2869	2842	2835	2886
Trans., Comm. and Utilities	154	151	150	158
Wholesale Trade	195	193	193	200
Durable Goods	122	122	122	128
Nondurable Goods	73	71	71	73
Retail Trade	736	720	715	748
General Merchandise Stores	106	105	107	115
Food Stores	107	104	104	106
Auto. Dealers and Serv. Stns.	77	77	76	79
Apparel and Access. Stores	39	38	39	40
Eating and Drinking Places	265	256	251	263
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	193	191	191	191
Services	951	944	935	940
Hotels and Lodging Places	35	32	33	36
Personal Services	40	42	43	40
Business Services	172	170	168	176
Health Services	314	312	311	303
Social Services	64	64		62
Government	640	643	64	649
Federal	58	58		70
State	162	174	174	163
Local	420	411	419	416
Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - 1989 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the cooperative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program - March 1989 Benchmark.

Suppressed data included in: X=Totals, A=Other Durable Goods, B=Other Nondurable Goods.

Due to the suppression of data, the industry estimates do not sum to the total wage and salary estimate.

* DATA IS IN THOUSANDS

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits decreased for the second consecutive month in May. The regular benefits claims load averaged 150,678 per week during the month, approximately 45,000 less than the April total.

The 23 percent decrease was primarily due to recalls in the automotive and auto related industries. In May 1990, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 103,467.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Michigan			Detroit		
	Total	Initial	Continued	Total	Initial	Continued
May 04, 1991	174,400	20,700	153,700	75,000	10,300	64,700
May 11, 1991	161,900	17,600	144,300	67,100	7,400	59,700
May 18, 1991	152,500	15,700	136,800	61,800	6,500	55,300
May 25, 1991	166,700	22,800	143,900	74,100	12,000	62,100

DETROIT AREA COST OF LIVING MOVES UPWARD

Consumer prices in the Detroit metropolitan area decreased from 132.2 in February to 131.7 in April. The decrease in Detroit area prices was primarily due to lower costs for housing and medical care. Prices in the area climbed by 3.8 percent since April 1990, when the consumer price index stood at 126.9. At the national level, the cost of living in May advanced by three-tenths of a percent to reach 135.6 during the month.

The higher national prices were due to additional costs for transportation and medical care. Between May 1990 and May 1991, national consumer prices increased by 5.0 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 129.2. Note: Beginning in January 1987, the Consumer Price Indexes were shifted to a new reference base year. All indexes expressed on a 1967=100, were rebased to 1982-1984=100.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan workers in manufacturing industries increased to 41.0 hours in May. The increase occurred primarily as a result of additional hours worked by individuals in the auto related industries.

During the month average hourly earnings increased by fourteen cents to \$14.38, while average weekly earnings increased by \$8.59 to total \$589.58. In May 1990, earnings averaged \$13.86 an hour or \$590.44 per week for a 42.6 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Hourly Earnings a/		
	May 1991	Apr 1991	May 1990	May 1991	Apr 1991	May 1990	May 1991	Apr 1991	May 1990
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	\$589.58	\$580.99	\$590.44	41.0	40.8	42.6	\$14.38	\$14.24	\$13.86
DURABLE GOODS	626.11	614.59	625.05	41.3	41.0	42.9	15.16	14.99	14.57
Primary Metal Products	610.91	607.10	646.59	40.7	40.8	43.6	15.01	14.88	14.83
Fabricated Metal Products	604.65	586.91	598.75	41.7	41.1	43.8	14.50	14.28	13.67
Industrial Machinery	577.82	586.03	581.99	41.6	42.1	43.4	13.89	13.92	13.41
Electrical Machinery	494.81	462.92	500.55	41.2	39.6	43.3	12.01	11.69	11.56
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	755.30	741.03	739.14	41.5	41.1	42.7	18.20	18.03	17.31
NONDURABLE GOODS	478.79	480.39	478.40	40.1	40.2	41.6	11.94	11.95	11.50
Construction	623.18	590.78	601.77	38.9	36.2	38.6	16.02	16.32	15.59
Department Stores	189.33	185.72	195.44	25.9	25.2	28.0	7.31	7.37	6.98

a/ Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.

Note: Current month data are preliminary.

**CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
MAY 1991 (Preliminary)**

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
United States	124,857,000	116,624,000	8,233,000	6.6
Michigan	4,494,000	4,090,000	405,000	9.0
Major Labor Markets				
Ann Arbor MSA	159,900	150,900	9,000	5.6
Battle Creek MSA	62,800	57,500	5,300	8.4
Benton Harbor MSA	77,600	70,500	7,100	9.2
Detroit MSA	2,092,000	1,902,000	190,000	9.1
Flint MSA	184,900	164,000	20,900	11.3
Grand Rapids MSA	371,800	345,100	26,700	7.2
Jackson MSA	64,500	58,000	6,500	10.0
Kalamazoo MSA	115,800	108,900	6,900	5.9
Lansing MSA	239,900	221,300	18,700	7.8
Muskegon MSA	67,600	59,500	8,100	11.9
Saginaw-Bay-Midland MSA	184,500	168,900	15,600	8.4
Upper Peninsula LMA	136,500	122,400	14,200	10.4
Major Counties (18,000+)				
Allegan	60,225	56,325	3,900	6.5
Barry	24,550	22,375	2,175	8.8
Bay	53,375	48,425	4,950	9.3
Cass	22,550	20,800	1,750	7.7
Clinton	31,375	28,250	3,100	9.9
Eaton	53,550	49,125	4,425	8.3
Grand Traverse	35,700	32,825	2,875	8.0
Gratiot	20,475	18,325	2,150	10.5
Hillsdale	19,925	17,700	2,225	11.1
Ingham	155,050	143,875	11,150	7.2
Ionia	20,300	17,300	3,000	14.7
Isabella	29,875	27,950	1,925	6.4
Kent	271,925	251,550	20,375	7.5
Lapeer	33,975	29,450	4,525	13.3
Lenawee	42,775	38,475	4,300	10.0
Livingston	54,200	49,925	4,275	7.9
Macomb	368,150	332,275	35,875	9.7
Marquette	28,300	25,750	2,525	9.0
Midland	35,875	33,425	2,450	6.8
Monroe	62,550	56,575	5,975	9.6
Montcalm	25,850	22,675	3,175	12.3
Oakland	561,100	520,400	40,725	7.3
Ottawa	99,875	93,600	6,275	6.3
Saginaw	95,250	87,075	8,175	8.6
St. Clair	66,275	58,175	8,100	12.2
St. Joseph	26,375	23,700	2,650	10.1
Sanilac	20,450	18,000	2,450	12.0
Shiawassee	34,400	30,300	4,100	11.9
Tuscola	24,800	21,875	2,925	11.8
Van Buren	33,650	29,875	3,775	11.2
Wayne	945,800	855,375	90,400	9.6

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